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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert-Jan Enzerink, et al.

Art Unit: 3738

Appl. No.: 09/461,829

Examiner: Pellegrino, Brian

Filed: December 15, 1999

Atty. Docket: DEP-0351

For: **GRAFT MATERIAL CONVENIENCE PACKAGE****AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2002, issued in the above-identified application, along with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate extension fee, making a response due on or before August 5, 2002.

Please amend the application as filed.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows. Also, please see Attachment A.

1. A replacement package for the repair of a damaged ligament, comprising:

B₁ a graft comprising a non-autologous graft material having a proximal end and a distal end, a first set of sutures attached to the proximal end, and a second set of sutures attached to the distal end, to form a graft unit having pre-attached sutures,

wherein said graft unit having pre-attached sutures is preserved and provided in sterile packaging.

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